

The regular meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board met in the County Commissioners Room at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 2, 1973 with the following members present: Bruce Osborn, Robert Fields, Edward Shaw, A. D. Ruth, Jr., Fred Hoffman and Gladys Ridder.

Minutes Approved

Upon motion by Bruce Osborn, seconded by Edward Shaw and made unanimous by Robert Fields, the minutes of the April 4, 1973 meeting were approved as read.

General Business

The Board moved to share the cost of the highway on the extension of the Dunkin ditch. Mr. Ruth reported the Friendly Village had promised plans for the proposed water line but as yet had not submitted them. John Fisher, inspector for the county, has reported very poor supervision on the part of the contractor on this project and that a corrugated pipe should have been covered when leaving the project, but because it was not covered had partially filled with mud.

Mr. Hoffman suggested a permit should be required before any one could hook into a legal drain. The Board was much in favor also.

Ditches Referred

The Board referred the following ditches to the Engineer for a maintenance fund, The Richard B. Wetherill ditch, Shelby Twp. in Tippecanoe County and Boliver Twp., in Benton County, Peter Saltzman ditch, in Perry and Washington Twp. in Tippecanoe County and Clay Township in Carroll County.

9:30 Maintenance
Hearing on the
E. Eugene Johnson
Ditch

The Surveyor read his report and made his recommendations on the Eugene Johnson ditch. He then read a remonstrance from: Ora S. & Mary E. Gish, Allen C. Boots, Bertha M. Criss, Harold E & Mary J. Sipple, Raymond L & Mildred L. Bradley, Otto Steiner and Malcolm Stingley. The basis of their objection was due to N & W railroad's need to construct a tile under their right-of-way to allow use of the outlet. Mr. Hoffman, the County Attorney, said he would contact the Attorney of the Railroad and suggested a postponement of this hearing until these problems could be resolved. Upon motion by Bruce Osborn, seconded by Robert Fields and made unanimous by Edward Shaw the Board moved to continue this hearing in the September 5, 1973 regular meeting. The only two who attended the hearing were: E. Eugene Johnson and Ora Gish.

10:15 Maintenance
Hearing on the Martin
V. Erwin Ditch

The Surveyor opened the hearing on the Martin V. Erwin ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations to the Board. He read to the Board a letter of remonstrance by the Norfolk and Western Railroad stating they could not possible be benefited by this drain. Mr. Ruth said he felt the acreage we had assessed them was possibly a little high, but that he felt part of their right-of-way did drain to this ditch. Those in attendance were: M. Gleason Morehouse and Walter Shackelford. Mr. Ruth reported that the telephone Company had damaged some of the tile and that he would notify them of same. Mr. Morehouse reported that the outlet was in need of repair and that he and Mrs. Kelly had fixed several tile on their own. Both men in attendance were of the opinion that this ditch was mostly 12" tile although the record shows only 6" tile. Mr. Ruth planned to meet Mr. Morehouse and again walk the ditch and determine exactly what the legal drain included. The Board so moved to continue this hearing next month at the regular meeting.

11:00 Maintenance
Hearing on the Lane
Parker Ditch

The Engineer opened the maintenance hearing on the Lane Parker Ditch by reading his report and making his recommendations to the Board. No one appeared in behalf of this ditch. The farm manager for Edith Kelly Carr, Hugh Pence, was in the surveyor's office on Friday of last week stating that the acreage we had assessed Mrs. Carr was not adequate. He stated that when the soil conservation service rebuilt a portion of the ditch, more of this land was included in the watershed area. The acreage was changed to 152.32A out of a 154.32A tract and 64.809 acres out of a 66.809A tract.

Upon motion by Bruce Osborn, seconded by Edward Shaw and made unanimous by Robert F. Fields, the Board moved to establish a \$1.00 per acre assessment on the Lane Parker.

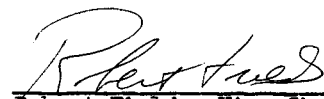
Order and Findings
Certificate of Assess.

After establishing a maintenance fund on the Lane Parker Ditch, the Board signed the Order and findings and the Certificate of assessments.

The Board had as guests six students from the West Lafayette High School government class. They were to observe the operation of the Surveyor's office as their project. Mr. Ruth relayed to them the work and responsibilities of the office.

Upon motion made and carried the Board adjourned.


Edward J. Shaw, Chairman


Robert Fields, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Gladys Ridder, Exec. Secretary


Bruce Osborn, Board Member